DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 34-62 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance is that prior art does not teach a carrier for structural parts to be subjected to a heat-treatment process including a frame having a plurality of limbs and a lattice structure extending from the frame wherein the lattice structure is formed by a section of an endless fiber bundle in the form of single-layer or multilayer fiber strands of a carbon-reinforced material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 11/30/09, with respect to rejection presented in office action 8/31/09 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Examiner hereby acknowledges the cancellation of claims 1-33 and the newly submitted claims of 34-62 are neither anticipated nor obvious over prior art references in view of the reasons for allowance stated above.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory A. Wilson whose telephone number is (571)272-4882. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 am - 4:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve McAllister can be reached on (571) 272-6785. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Gregory A. Wilson/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3749 April 9, 2010